

Remarks

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 10, 15 and 16.

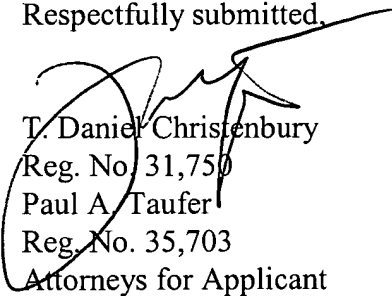
The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. In that regard, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 4 and 6 and the Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 4 – 6 have been cancelled in view of the amendment to Claim 1.

Claim 7 has been amended to change the dependency from Claim 4 to Claim 1 in view of the cancellation of Claim 4. The Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 are also now in condition for allowance.

The Applicant notes that Claim 17 was apparently inadvertently omitted from consideration in the Official Action. The Applicant has amended Claim 17 in the same manner as Claim 1 and respectfully submits that it is also in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submits that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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